

create industrial parks in some of the poorest communities in my district.

Most recently the EDA has approved funding to plan the renovation of the Colonial Theater in Pittsfield, MA.

The Colonial Theater recently received national accolades when the First Lady visited this historic theater during her save America's treasures tour.

It is truly an American treasure.

With the help of the EDA, a renovated Colonial Theater will serve as a catalyst to generate further economic growth and to revitalize downtown Pittsfield.

EDA programs have helped create new jobs and economic growth not just in my district, but throughout the country.

We should continue our solid support for this successful agency that has proved to be one of the best hopes for economic renewal in struggling communities.

A TRIBUTE TO ADAM AND PEGGY
YOUNG OF WESTHAMPTON
BEACH, LONG ISLAND

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 5, 1998

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in this historic chamber to share with my colleagues the story of two very special people, whose lifetime of selfless contributions to an array of worthy causes, from national charities to local food drives, has improved the lives of countless individuals across this nation and at home on Long Island. I stand here today in the People's House to talk about Adam and Peggy Young, from my hometown of Westhampton Beach, because their devotion to the well-being of their fellow man has inspired so many Long Islanders and serves as a true example of human charity for all of our countrymen.

This Saturday evening, I have the privilege of helping Family Counseling Service of Westhampton Beach—one of many beneficiaries of the Youngs' generous spirit—honor Adam and Peggy with the 1998 "Family of Man Humanitarian Award." No two people are more worthy of this special recognition. No organization is more deserving of the Youngs' efforts than Family Counseling Services.

Since 1971, Family Counseling Service has provided counseling and support services to more than 90,000 adults and children. Led by Executive Director George Busler, Family Counseling's staff has helped families work through such everyday issues as parent-child relationships or the death of a loved one. When families face much more traumatic experiences, like domestic violence or sexual abuse, these dedicated counselors and psychiatrists provided the support and skills they need to survive and carry on.

The same way Family Counseling Services heals the wounds of society's most basic unit—the family—Adam and Peggy Young are committed to a grass roots brand of philanthropy. As the founder of Young Broadcasting, with television stations in America's in America's major markets, Adam Young is a recognized pioneer in harnessing the power of television to benefit the community. In Los Angeles, KCAL sponsors the largest child anti-vio-

lence campaign in the city, while in Nashville, WKRN has raised more than \$1.2 million for local schools. In Albany, WTEN sponsors the groundbreaking "Children First" campaign to raise awareness of children's issues, while WTVO in Rockford, Illinois is leading the effort in that community to combat adult illiteracy.

Here on Long Island, Adam and Peggy direct their seemingly boundless energy and enthusiasm towards the East End Hospice, Little Flower Children's Services and Southampton Hospital. Adam and Peggy are also tireless in support of causes that strike close to home. When cancer took the life of their oldest daughter Susan, they joined the American Cancer Society's battle to defeat this dreaded disease. Peggy overcame serious heart problems several years ago and today, the American Heart Association enjoys their avid support. They also support the Palm Beach Rehabilitation Center, which helped Adam through four hip replacement surgeries.

Mr. Speaker, words can hardly express the deep debt of gratitude that we on Eastern Long Island owe to Adam and Peggy Young for all they have done to serve our community and improve the lives of our neighbors. I ask my Congressional colleagues to join me, Family Counseling Services and all who have benefited from their generosity in thanking Adam and Peggy Young for all of their good work. May God bless them just as he has blessed all of us by sending two such wonderful guardian angels.

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE ONE-
YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE KO-
REAN AIR 801 CRASH

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 5, 1998

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow, August 6, the people of Guam, the survivors and the family members of the ill-fated Korean Air 801 flight will commemorate the one year anniversary of this sorrowful day. The death of 228 men, women and children is not merely a morbid statistic, these individuals were mothers, fathers, uncles, aunt, grandparents, daughters, sons and friends of hundreds of other individuals spread out across the globe, from Guam to Seoul to California.

While many continue to feel the pain of this tragic episode, others rely on the passage of time as part of their personal healing process. One year ago, a Guam hillside was strewn with wreckage debris and bodies; today, a 24-foot high obelisk stands tall, a memorial to the lives lost on that fateful morning.

Today, I, along with the people of Guam, express my condolences to victims' family members, as well as my gratitude to the various federal, military, government and civilian personnel who assisted in the search, rescue and recovery mission.

Even as this memorial is completed a year after the crash, the investigation process is still underway. I attended the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) March informational hearing conducted to gather more data about the Korean Air 801 accident. While the wreckage examination is complete, a draft of the factual report written by NTSB officials will not be available until the end of September. A

final report determining probable cause of the accident will be submitted to the NTSB Board later this year.

I would like to remind my colleagues that the Foreign Air Carrier Family Support Act emerged from the Korean Air 801 crash. I introduced this legislation a little more than a month after the accident, and it became law within 3 months of its introduction. The swiftness of its passage and the strong bipartisan support demonstrated during its development proves how important respect and understanding must be accorded to those affected by the devastating consequences of an airline crash. The law, enacted at the beginning of the year, requires foreign air carriers to implement a disaster family assistance plan should an accident involving their carrier take place on American soil. I am pleased to note that after the Foreign Air Carrier Family Support Act was enacted, about 95% of airline passengers are now covered by family emergency plans.

Korean Air 801's one-year anniversary should not only remind us of the grief and turmoil of the crash, it should also serve as a reminder of the stalwart courage and tremendous effort displayed by the survivors, family members and friends, and individuals who assisted in the aftermath, whether they physically carried passengers to safety or provided interpretation services to families.

The people of Guam have experienced an enormous loss; at the same time, we have gained an even greater sense of compassion for others. The Korean Air 801 crash has provided us this valuable lesson, let us continue to practice it in remembrance of all those who perished one year ago.

INTRODUCING THE HERO ACT—
HOMEBOUND ELDERLY RELIEF
OPPORTUNITY ACT

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 5, 1998

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, today I join with my Colleague Representative VAN HILLEARY, to introduce a new bill that has as its purpose to resolve the unconscionable mess the BBA made of home health benefits programs when it passed the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

As a matter of fact, Mr. Speaker, I have been involved in this effort since last November when I introduced H.R. 2912, intended to restore the venipuncture home health benefit that the BBA terminated for all time. As of this date, 105 of my concerned colleagues from both sides of the aisle have joined me in supporting the restoration of this life-giving home health benefit.

Mr. Speaker, the bad news is that the hastily drawn, ill-considered attack on America's home health industry that took place last year during debate on a balanced budget has resulted in massive harm—both to home health agencies and to the Medicare-enrolled, Medicare-eligible senior citizens who are vulnerable, frail and seriously disabled. This attack on home health agencies has driven 1,100 out of 8,000 agencies nationwide out of business and those who are still open are beginning to refuse to accept Medicare patients.